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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

FEAR, LAMENT, AND RAGE



Sunday, March 12, 2023

11:00 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here.

Masks are recommended but not required.

Children are a treasured part of this community!

Please find a **Worship Adventure Packet** or a **Busy Box** at the tables in the foyers.
Children are free to use these resources during the worship service as they sit in the pews or in the Wiggle Room.

For families who prefer to worship together in a more informal setting, the service may be seen and heard in the Wiggle Room (aka Brawley Room) adjacent to the sanctuary. Arts, crafts, books and other materials are also available there to engage younger children.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



Prelude *Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 9* - Johannes Brahms
Christian Broughton

Call to Worship Pastor Anita Peebles

How long. God? (breathe in)
I'm tired of hoping (breathe out)
Pray: God, Protect the part of us that still winces at pain. Refuse to become too familiar with the tragedy. Our souls were made to stir. Stir us, Spirit. Amen.
Feel your feelings. God can handle your fear, your lament, your rage.

***Hymn** *Christ has Called Me* See insert
Please sing verses 1, 2, and repeat verse 1

Time with Children Godly Play: Parable of the Sower Bob Sittig

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Rebecca Alder

***Prayer Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #472

Pastoral Prayer Serena Sullivan

Anthem *How Long?* - Mark A. Miller Sanctuary Choir

We wait for your coming; we wait for new life,
We wait in our despairing, we wait through the strife.
But how long? How long? How much longer must we wait?
Lord, we are forsaken, we yearn to be free,
You said, "Change is gonna come," but right now we can't breathe.
How long? How long? How much longer must we wait?

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.

Scripture Matthew 5:21-26 Christine Warren

Sermon **A Matter of Life and Death** Pastor Anita Peebles

***Hymn** *Lead Us from Death to Life* #581

Benediction Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 558* - J.S. Bach
Christian Broughton



Notes for Today's Worship: Scripture is from Dr. Wilda C. Gafney, *a Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year A The Call to Worship* and opening prayer are by Rev. Katy Stenta, <https://katyandtheword.com/2022/06/09/this-here-flesh-sermon-series/>.

Next Sunday, March 19 Lent IV Justice & Repair - Jim Segaar preaching.

Sunday, March 26 Lent V - Rest - Pastor Anita preaching.

IT'S TIME FOR A DIRECTORY UPDATE
Get ready for your directory photo! On **Palm Sunday** and **Easter**, Bob Sittig will be taking pictures of members and friends before and after church in the Whitman room right beside the main entrance. The pictures will be used for our new online directory.

If you have not yet logged on to the new directory and checked out your information, e-mail **Darren** and he will send you a link. If you already have your family password, you can enter view the directory by clicking this link. <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/seattle-first-baptist>. You can bookmark this link on your computer or phone so the directory is always available. **Call the church office** or e-mail Darren if you need help.

We are asking EVERYONE to get their picture taken so new members can put a face with a name.

LENTEN COFFEE CHATS
SUNDAYS 9:30-10:30am in the Parlor - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED

Easter Sunday Worship April 9th 11:00am